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Inventor(s): Keiji NAGASAKA et al.

Title: BILL SERIAL NUMBER READING DEVICE AND BILL SERIAL NUMBER READING METHOD

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